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Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group (1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Unadjusted index	Percent change to Dec. 2002 from:		Seasonally adjusted percent change from:	Unadjusted index	Percent change to Dec. 2002 from:		Seasonally adjusted percent change from:
	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	Nov. to Dec.	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	Nov. to Dec.
All items	180.9	2.4	-0.2	0.1	177.0	2.4	-0.2	0.1
All items (1982=100)	541.9	-	-	-	527.2	-	-	-
Food and beverages	177.8	1.5	-2	-2	177.1	1.4	-3	-2
Food	177.3	1.5	-3	-3	176.5	1.4	-3	-3
Food at home	176.1	0	-3	-3	175.1	0	-3	-3
Cereals and bakery products	197.3	1.0	-5	-7	197.1	1.0	-6	-9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	162.4	-2	-2	-5	162.3	-3	-1	-6
Dairy and related products	167.3	-2.0	-1	-1	167.2	-2.0	-2	-2
Fruits and vegetables	224.9	4.9	2.3	7	222.9	4.7	2.3	8
Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials	139.0	-9	-5	1.2	139.1	1.0	-4	1.2
Other food at home	141.1	-1	-0	-1	140.6	-1	-1	0
Sugar and cereals	150.1	1.9	-0	-0	150.9	1.9	-4	-0
Fats and oils	152.0	-2.6	-4	-1	152.9	-2.3	-3	-1
Other foods	178.2	-2	-1	-1	178.5	-1	-2	-0
Other miscellaneous foods	110.2	1.6	-1	-1	110.7	1.6	-2	-3
Food away from home	180.1	2.3	-2	-2	180.0	2.3	-2	-2
Other food away from home	119.0	3.7	-1	-1	120.1	3.7	-1	-1
Alcoholic beverages	184.9	2.3	-1	-1	184.7	2.3	-1	-1
Housing	201.1	2.4	-1	-2	196.9	2.3	-0	-2
Shelter	209.5	3.1	-0	-2	205.9	3.1	-1	-2
Rent of primary residence	202.5	3.1	-0	-1	201.9	3.2	-3	-1
Less: utility costs	100.2	-6	-3.5	-3	100.6	-7	-3.9	-1.1
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	217.9	3.3	-3	-3	196.0	2.9	-3	-3
Telephone and household insurance	112.3	5.6	-0	-0	112.3	5.6	1.0	1.0
Public utilities	144.2	1.4	-0	-0	143.5	1.4	-3	-4
Electricity	127.5	1.0	-4	-6	126.4	1.0	-3	-4
Gas	134.6	2.1	-0	-0	125.0	10.9	3.3	7
Water	134.1	-4	-3	-5	133.2	-5	-2	-6
Household furnishings and operations	127.0	-1.5	-6	-5	123.0	-1.9	-6	-4
Apparel	121.5	-1.0	-3.2	-5	120.9	-1.7	-3.0	-4
Men's and boys' apparel	119.3	-2.9	-3	-1.0	119.0	-3.2	-3.2	-0
Women's and girls' apparel	113.1	-1.5	-4.2	-5	112.3	-1.1	-4.2	-5
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	125.3	-2.5	-1.7	-1.7	127.3	-2.4	-1.9	-1.9
Footwear	120.7	-1	-1.6	-2	120.9	-2	-1.4	-4
Transportation	154.2	3.0	-6	-3	153.0	3.0	-0	-3
Private transportation	150.4	4.2	-7	-5	150.4	4.1	-0	-4
New and used motor vehicles	90.7	-2.9	-1	-4	90.5	-3.4	-2	-3
New vehicles	140.6	-2.0	-1	-4	141.7	-2.1	-1	-3
Used cars and trucks	140.5	-5.5	-2	-1	140.3	-5.6	-3	-1
Motor fuel	119.7	34.6	-5.0	-1.0	120.0	34.6	-3.0	-1.7
Gasoline (all types)	119.1	34.0	-5.0	-1.4	119.4	34.0	-3.9	-1.7
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	107.0	1.1	-3	-2	106.3	1.3	-2	-2
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	193.3	3.7	-3	-5	195.0	3.0	-4	-6
Public transportation	203.0	-9	3	7	199.2	-4	4	7
Medical care	291.3	5.0	3	3	290.4	5.2	3	4
Medical care commodities	250.5	3.1	-2	-0	254.0	3.0	3	1
Medical care services	299.4	5.6	3	4	299.5	5.0	4	5
Professional services	257.0	3.3	-3	-4	259.3	3.3	-3	-3
Hospital and related services	282.4	9.0	4	7	279.1	10.3	6	9
Recreation	106.5	1.1	-1	-2	104.7	0	-1	3
Video and audio	103.2	2.0	3	4	102.4	1.9	2	5
Education and communication	109.2	2.2	-1	-2	106.0	1.0	-0	-1
Education	130.0	0.6	-0	-0	129.7	0.3	-0	-2
Instructional books and supplies	312.3	9.7	-2	-0	314.5	9.1	-3	-1
Tuition, other school fees, and childcare	374.0	6.2	-0	-0	364.0	6.0	-0	-3
Communication	91.0	-1.7	-0	-0	92.2	-1.5	-1	-1
Information and information processing	90.0	-2.5	-0	-1	92.0	-2.0	-0	-0
Telephone services	99.9	-2	-1	-1	100.1	-2	-0	-0
Information and information processing other than telephone services	17.3	-13.1	-6	-6	17.0	-13.6	-6	-6
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	19.7	-22.1	-1.5	-1.5	19.3	-22.0	-2.0	-2.0
Other goods and services	295.0	3.3	-1	-1	295.1	4.0	-0	0
Tobacco and smoking products	472.5	9.5	-0	-0	474.3	9.5	-3	-3
Personal care	175.4	1.0	-1	-1	174.7	1.4	-1	-1
Personal care products	153.4	-1.3	-5	-5	154.2	-1.2	-5	-5
Personal care services	189.9	1.9	-0	-0	190.7	1.9	-1	-1
Miscellaneous personal services	276.9	3.1	-1	-3	276.7	3.2	0	3
Commodity and service group								
Commodity	149.7	1.2	-6	-2	150.3	1.3	-7	-2
Food and beverages	177.8	1.5	-2	-2	177.1	1.4	-3	-2
Commodity less food and beverages	133.6	1.0	-1.2	-6	135.0	1.2	-1.1	-4
Nonalcoholic beverages less food and beverages	145.2	4.9	-1.9	-7	147.3	5.7	-1.9	-6
Apparel	121.5	-1.0	-3.2	-5	120.9	-1.7	-3.0	-4
Nonalcoholic less food, beverages, and apparel	163.9	0.1	-1.3	-0	167.3	0.2	-1.4	-9
Shelter	120.2	-3.3	-2	-2	120.4	-3.6	-2	-6
Services	211.9	3.2	-0	-2	200.3	3.3	-1	-3
Rent of shelter	210.1	3.0	-0	-2	196.3	3.1	-1	-3
Transportation services	212.0	3.7	-0	-2	211.7	4.5	-1	-3
Other services	250.2	3.4	-1	-2	245.1	3.3	-1	-3
Special income								
All items less food	181.6	2.6	-3	-1	177.0	2.4	-0	0
All items less shelter	171.7	2.1	-3	-0	169.1	2.1	-4	0
All items less medical care	175.1	2.2	-3	-1	172.1	2.3	-2	0
Commodity less food	135.6	1.1	-1.0	-6	136.8	1.3	-1.1	-4
Nonalcoholic less food	147.6	4.0	-1.7	-6	149.6	5.5	-1.0	-7
Nonalcoholic less food and apparel	165.0	7.6	-1.1	-7	160.0	6.6	-1.3	-7
Nonalcoholic	161.6	3.1	-0	-2	162.4	3.4	-0	-2
Services less rent of shelter	220.5	3.4	-1	-2	199.9	3.5	-3	-3
Services less medical care services	204.3	3.0	-0	-2	201.1	3.1	-1	-3
Energy	123.3	10.7	-1.6	-4	122.6	11.5	-1.0	-4
All items less energy	180.6	1.0	-2	-1	180.6	1.7	-1	-1
All items less food and energy	191.4	1.9	-2	-1	188.7	1.7	-2	-1
Commodity less food and energy commodities	143.5	-1.5	-0	-3	143.1	-1.7	-7	-3
Energy commodities	120.7	23.7	-3.4	-1.4	120.7	23.0	-3.4	-1.5
Services less energy services	219.0	3.4	-0	-2	216.7	3.5	-1	-3
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar								
(1982=100)	\$.553	-	-	-	\$.545	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar (1987=100)	\$.175	-	-	-	\$.190	-	-	-

1 Not seasonally adjusted.

2 Index on a December 1997=100 base.

3 This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item category index series converted to a geometric mean estimator in January, 1999.

4 U-population index on a December 1982=100 base.

5 U-population index on a December 1984=100 base.

6 Index on a December 1990=100 base.

- Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 1A. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1962=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	CPI-U			CPI-W		
	Annual average 2001	Annual average 2002	Percent change from 2001 to 2002	Annual average 2001	Annual average 2002	Percent change from 2001 to 2002
All items	177.1	179.9	1.6	173.5	175.9	1.4
All items (1967=100)	536.8	538.0	-	516.8	523.9	-
Food and beverages	173.4	174.8	1.0	173.0	174.1	1.0
Food	173.1	174.2	1.0	172.5	173.5	1.7
Food at home	173.4	175.4	1.3	172.4	174.7	1.3
Cereals and bakery products	193.0	190.0	-2.2	193.4	190.0	-2.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	161.3	162.1	0.5	161.2	162.0	0.5
Dairy and related products	167.1	168.1	0.6	167.1	167.9	0.5
Fruits and vegetables	212.3	220.5	4.1	212.0	219.4	3.6
Nonalcoholic beverages and household supplies	139.2	139.2	0.0	139.4	139.4	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	159.4	160.0	0.4	159.1	160.4	0.8
Supplies and services	155.7	159.0	2.1	155.4	158.0	1.7
Meats and oils	154.7	155.4	0.5	154.4	155.3	0.6
Other foods	174.8	177.1	1.3	174.3	177.4	1.8
Other miscellaneous foods	109.9	109.2	-0.7	109.1	109.7	0.6
Food away from home	173.9	178.3	2.5	173.0	178.2	3.0
Other food away from home	113.4	117.7	3.8	113.4	118.1	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	177.3	183.4	3.4	178.0	183.3	3.0
Housing	174.4	180.3	3.4	172.1	175.7	2.1
Shelter	200.4	200.1	-0.1	194.5	201.9	3.8
Rent of primary residence	192.1	199.7	4.0	191.5	199.0	3.9
Lodging away from home	110.6	110.3	-0.3	110.4	110.4	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	204.3	214.7	5.1	197.4	205.1	3.9
Transit and household insurance	104.1	105.7	1.6	104.4	106.7	2.2
Public utilities	150.2	153.6	2.3	149.5	152.9	2.3
Public	139.4	137.2	-1.6	134.3	136.1	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	129.3	115.5	-10.7	129.3	115.0	-11.0
Gas (liquid) and electricity	142.4	134.4	-5.6	141.5	133.4	-5.7
Household furnishings and operations	129.1	129.3	0.2	125.0	124.4	-0.5
Apparel	127.3	124.0	-2.6	124.1	123.1	-0.8
Men's and boys' apparel	125.7	121.7	-3.2	122.0	121.7	-0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	119.3	115.0	-3.6	117.3	114.6	-2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	129.2	126.4	-2.2	120.9	120.6	-0.2
Footwear	123.0	121.4	-1.3	123.1	121.2	-1.5
Transportation	154.3	152.9	-0.9	153.4	151.0	-1.5
Private transportation	150.0	148.0	-1.3	150.0	149.0	-0.7
New and used motor vehicles	101.3	99.2	-2.1	101.9	99.4	-2.5
New vehicles	142.1	140.0	-1.5	143.2	141.1	-1.5
Used cars and trucks	150.7	152.0	0.9	150.0	152.0	1.3
Motor fuel	134.7	116.4	-13.6	134.9	117.0	-13.4
Gasoline (all types)	124.0	116.0	-6.4	124.2	116.4	-6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.0	106.9	2.8	104.0	106.1	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	107.5	106.2	-1.2	107.1	106.7	-0.4
Public transportation	210.4	207.4	-1.4	204.9	202.4	-1.2
Medical care	271.0	285.4	5.3	271.0	284.6	5.0
Medical care commodities	247.4	254.4	2.8	242.7	251.1	3.5
Medical care services	276.0	292.9	6.1	270.6	292.5	8.1
Professional services	244.3	252.9	3.5	240.7	250.0	3.9
Hospital and related services	230.3	247.0	7.3	233.0	243.3	4.4
Recreation	104.9	106.2	1.2	103.4	104.6	1.0
Videos and audio	101.5	102.0	0.5	100.9	102.0	1.1
Education and communication	105.2	107.9	2.6	105.3	107.6	2.2
Education	110.5	116.0	5.0	110.7	115.9	4.7
Elementary, high, and college	295.9	317.4	7.3	299.9	310.5	3.5
Tuition, other school fees, and child care	241.1	262.1	8.7	234.7	254.0	8.3
Communication	92.3	92.3	0.0	92.3	92.7	0.4
Information and information processing	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Telephone services	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	21.3	22.3	4.7	22.1	21.0	-5.0
Other goods and services	202.4	203.3	0.5	200.5	202.0	0.7
Tobacco and smoking products	425.3	401.5	-5.6	426.1	403.2	-5.4
Personal care	170.5	174.7	2.5	170.3	174.1	2.2
Personal care products	155.1	154.7	-0.3	150.7	150.5	-0.2
Personal care services	184.3	189.4	2.7	180.9	189.1	4.5
Miscellaneous personal services	243.1	274.4	12.9	243.0	274.0	12.8
Commodity and service group						
Commodities	150.7	149.7	-0.7	151.0	150.4	-0.4
Food and beverages	173.4	174.8	1.0	173.0	174.1	1.0
Commodities less food and beverages	127.3	134.3	5.5	120.7	129.5	7.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and household supplies	147.1	145.1	-1.4	149.0	147.0	-1.3
Alcoholic beverages	127.3	134.9	6.0	126.1	133.1	5.6
Supplies and services	140.4	142.2	1.3	140.4	142.2	1.3
Meats and oils	154.7	155.4	0.5	154.4	155.3	0.6
Other foods	174.8	177.1	1.3	174.3	177.4	1.8
Food away from home	173.9	178.3	2.5	173.0	178.2	3.0
Other food away from home	113.4	117.7	3.8	113.4	118.1	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	177.3	183.4	3.4	178.0	183.3	3.0
Services	200.4	200.1	-0.1	194.5	201.9	3.8
Rent of primary residence	192.1	199.7	4.0	191.5	199.0	3.9
Lodging away from home	110.6	110.3	-0.3	110.4	110.4	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	204.3	214.7	5.1	197.4	205.1	3.9
Transit and household insurance	104.1	105.7	1.6	104.4	106.7	2.2
Public utilities	150.2	153.6	2.3	149.5	152.9	2.3
Public	139.4	137.2	-1.6	134.3	136.1	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	129.3	115.5	-10.7	129.3	115.0	-11.0
Gas (liquid) and electricity	142.4	134.4	-5.6	141.5	133.4	-5.7
Household furnishings and operations	129.1	129.3	0.2	125.0	124.4	-0.5
Apparel	127.3	124.0	-2.6	124.1	123.1	-0.8
Men's and boys' apparel	125.7	121.7	-3.2	122.0	121.7	-0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	119.3	115.0	-3.6	117.3	114.6	-2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	129.2	126.4	-2.2	120.9	120.6	-0.2
Footwear	123.0	121.4	-1.3	123.1	121.2	-1.5
Transportation	154.3	152.9	-0.9	153.4	151.0	-1.5
Private transportation	150.0	148.0	-1.3	150.0	149.0	-0.7
New and used motor vehicles	101.3	99.2	-2.1	101.9	99.4	-2.5
New vehicles	142.1	140.0	-1.5	143.2	141.1	-1.5
Used cars and trucks	150.7	152.0	0.9	150.0	152.0	1.3
Motor fuel	134.7	116.4	-13.6	134.9	117.0	-13.4
Gasoline (all types)	124.0	116.0	-6.4	124.2	116.4	-6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.0	106.9	2.8	104.0	106.1	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	107.5	106.2	-1.2	107.1	106.7	-0.4
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Hospital and related services	230.3	247.0	7.3	233.0	243.3	4.4
Recreation	104.9	106.2	1.2	103.4	104.6	1.0
Videos and audio	101.5	102.0	0.5	100.9	102.0	1.1
Education and communication	105.2	107.9	2.6	105.3	107.6	2.2
Education	110.5	116.0	5.0	110.7	115.9	4.7
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Tuition, other school fees, and child care	241.1	262.1	8.7	234.7	254.0	8.3
Communication	92.3	92.3	0.0	92.3	92.7	0.4
Information and information processing	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Telephone services	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Information and information processing other than telephone services	92.3	90.0	-2.5	92.3	92.7	0.4
Personal computers and peripheral equipment	21.3	22.3	4.7	22.1	21.0	-5.0
Other goods and services	202.4	203.3	0.5	200.5	202.0	0.7
Tobacco and smoking products	425.3	401.5	-5.6	426.1	403.2	-5.4
Personal care	170.5	174.7	2.5	170.3	174.1	2.2
Personal care products	155.1	154.7	-0.3	150.7	150.5	-0.2
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Miscellaneous personal services	243.1	274.4	12.9	243.0	274.0	12.8
Commodity and service group						
Commodities	150.7	149.7	-0.7	151.0	150.4	-0.4
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Commodities less food and beverages	127.3	134.3	5.5	120.7	129.5	7.3
Nonalcoholic beverages and household supplies	147.1	145.1	-1.4	149.0	147.0	-1.3
Alcoholic beverages	127.3	134.9	6.0	126.1	133.1	5.6
Supplies and services	140.4	142.2	1.3	140.4	142.2	1.3
Meats and oils	154.7	155.4	0.5	154.4	155.3	0.6
Other foods	174.8	177.1	1.3	174.3	177.4	1.8
Food away from home	173.9	178.3	2.5	173.0	178.2	3.0
Other food away from home	113.4	117.7	3.8	113.4	118.1	4.2
Alcoholic beverages	177.3	183.4	3.4	178.0	183.3	3.0
Services	200.4	200.1	-0.1	194.5	201.9	3.8
Rent of primary residence	192.1	199.7	4.0	191.5	199.0	3.9
Lodging away from home	110.6	110.3	-0.3	110.4	110.4	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent of primary residence	204.3	214.7	5.1	197.4	205.1	3.9
Transit and household insurance	104.1	105.7	1.6	104.4	106.7	2.2
Public utilities	150.2	153.6	2.3	149.5	152.9	2.3
Public	139.4	137.2	-1.6	134.3	136.1	1.3
Fuel oil and other fuels	129.3	115.5	-10.7	129.3	115.0	-11.0
Gas (liquid) and electricity	142.4	134.4	-5.6	141.5	133.4	-5.7
Household furnishings and operations	129.1	129.3	0.2	125.0	124.4	-0.5
Apparel	127.3	124.0	-2.6	124.1	123.1	-0.8
Men's and boys' apparel	125.7	121.7	-3.2	122.0	121.7	-0.3
Women's and girls' apparel	119.3	115.0	-3.6	117.3	114.6	-2.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	129.2	126.4	-2.2	120.9	120.6	-0.2
Footwear	123.0	121.4	-1.3	123.1	121.2	-1.5
Transportation	154.3	152.9	-0.9	153.4	151.0	-1.5
Private transportation	150.0	148.0	-1.3	150.0	149.0	-0.7
New and used motor vehicles	101.3	99.2	-2.1	101.9	99.4	-2.5
New vehicles	142.1	140.0	-1.5	143.2	141.1	-1.5
Used cars and trucks	150.7	152.0	0.9	150.0	152.0	1.3
Motor fuel	134.7	116.4	-13.6	134.9	117.0	-13.4
Gasoline (all types)	124.0	116.0	-6.4	124.2	116.4	-6.3
Motor vehicle parts and equipment	104.0	106.9	2.8	104.0	106.1	2.0
Motor vehicle maintenance and repair	107.5	106.2	-1.2	107.1	106.7	-0.4
Public transportation	210.4	207.4	-1.4	204.9	202.4	-1.2
Medical care	271.0	285.4	5.3	271.0	284.6	5.0
Medical care commodities	247.4	254.4	2.8	242.7	251.1	3.5
Medical care services	276.0	292.9	6.1	270.6	292.5	8.1
Professional services	244.3	252.9	3.5	240.7	250.0	3.9
Hospital and related services	230.3	247.0	7.3	233.0	243.3	4.4
Recreation	104.9	106.2	1.2	103.4	104.6	1.0
Videos and audio	101.5	102.0	0.5	100.9	102.0	1.1
Education and communication	105.2	107.9	2.6	105.3	107.6	2.2
Education	110.5	116.0	5.0	110.7</		

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): Selected areas, all items index

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Area	CPI-U				CPI-W			
	Index			Percent change in Dec. 2002 from:	Index			Percent change in Dec. 2002 from:
	Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002		Oct. 2002	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002	
U.S. city average	181.3	181.3	180.9	2.4	177.3	177.4	177.8	2.4
Regions and areas that ¹								
Northeast urban	195.9	196.1	195.6	2.9	186.5	186.9	186.4	3.1
Size A - More than 1,500,000	191.6	191.7	191.4	3.2	186.9	187.3	187.1	3.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	113.8	113.1	112.4	2.1	113.9	113.1	112.7	2.5
Midwest urban	176.2	176.1	175.9	2.1	171.8	171.4	171.0	2.9
Size A - More than 1,500,000	176.7	176.3	177.0	2.1	173.3	173.8	172.4	2.3
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	111.9	111.7	111.4	1.4	111.4	111.3	111.0	1.4
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	176.2	176.4	189.5	2.4	168.1	168.2	167.3	2.4
South urban	174.9	174.9	174.6	2.5	172.3	172.4	172.0	2.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	176.5	176.1	175.9	2.4	173.7	173.3	173.1	2.4
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	111.6	111.9	111.6	2.5	110.9	111.1	110.8	2.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	172.9	173.8	172.3	2.8	173.3	173.4	172.4	2.4
West urban	185.0	185.0	185.5	2.1	180.8	181.0	180.8	2.3
Size A - More than 1,500,000	186.4	186.4	186.0	2.5	181.7	181.9	181.4	2.7
Size B/C - 50,000 to 1,500,000 ²	113.3	113.1	113.1	1.3	112.9	112.9	112.9	1.5
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	174.3	174.5	173.8	2.4	173.0	173.1	172.5	2.4
Selected local areas ³								
Chicago-Gary-Indianapolis, IL-IN-WI	182.8	182.2	182.4	2.5	176.5	176.9	176.0	2.5
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Orange County, CA	183.7	184.0	183.7	2.7	176.5	177.0	176.7	4.1
New York-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT-PA	193.7	193.4	193.1	3.1	189.9	189.9	189.7	3.2
San Francisco-Oakland, CA	-	200.4	-	-	-	199.2	-	-
Cleveland-akron, OH	-	173.4	-	-	-	184.9	-	-
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	-	173.8	-	-	-	173.9	-	-
Washington-Baltimore, DC-DE-PA-MD	-	114.9	-	-	-	113.5	-	-
Atlanta, GA	175.4	-	177.5	1.4	176.3	-	176.4	1.5
Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint, MI	180.4	-	179.7	1.6	175.0	-	176.4	3.9
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	182.4	-	180.0	1.7	184.3	-	180.0	1.9
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	177.9	-	177.9	3.1	174.5	-	175.2	2.8
Philadelphia-Elmwood-Park City, PA	185.0	-	185.3	3.0	185.6	-	184.9	3.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	194.3	-	191.2	1.4	190.0	-	189.4	1.7
Seattle-Tacoma-Burien, WA	190.9	-	190.8	2.1	189.5	-	186.4	1.9

¹ Regions defined as the four Census regions.

² Indexes as of November 1990=100 base.

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In addition, the following metropolitan areas are published semiannually and appear in Tables 34 and 35 of the January and July issues of the CPI Detailed Report: Anchorage, AK; Cleveland-akron, OH-PA; Denver-Boulder-Granby, CO; Honolulu, HI; Kansas City, MO-KS; Milwaukee-Wisconsin, WI; Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI; Phoenix-Mesa, AZ; Pittsburgh, PA; Portland-Tualas, OR-WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; San Diego, CA; Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL.

⁴ Indexes as of November 1990=100 base.

⁵ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

NOTE: Local area indexes are subproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater variability than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their cost-of-living studies.

CPI For All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)-Analysis

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in December, the same as in November. The index for food rose 0.3 percent in December, with prices for food at home up 0.3 percent. Energy costs declined for the second consecutive month—down 0.4 percent in December. Within energy, the index for petroleum-based energy declined 1.4 percent while the index for energy services increased 0.5 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U

rose 0.1 percent, following increases of 0.2 percent in the preceding two months. Larger declines in the indexes for household furnishings and operations and for new vehicles, coupled with a smaller increase in the index for shelter, accounted for the deceleration in December.

NEXT CPI RELEASE: JANUARY DATA ON FEBRUARY 21, 2003 8:30AM (EST); TRY OUR CPI QUICKLINE: 202-691-6994

IMPORTANT NOTE: BLS Introduces a New Measure of Consumer Price Change

Effective with the release of data for July 2002, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) began publishing a consumer price index (CPI) called the Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. Designated the C-CPI-U, the index supplements the existing indexes already produced by the BLS: the CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The C-CPI-U employs a Tornqvist formula and utilizes expenditure data in adjacent time periods in order to reflect the effect of any substitution that consumers make across item categories in response to changes in relative prices. More details on the C-CPI-U can be found at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>.

Recalculated Seasonally Adjusted Indexes to be Available on February 19, 2003

Each year with the release of the January CPI, seasonal adjustment factors are recalculated to reflect price movements from the just-completed calendar year. This routine annual recalculation may result in revisions to seasonally adjusted indexes for the previous 5 years. BLS will make available recalculated seasonally adjusted factors, for the period January 1998 Through December 2002, on Wednesday, February 19, 2003. This

date is two working working days before the scheduled release of the January 2003 CPI on Friday, February 21, 2003. The revised indexes and seasonal factors will be available on the Internet. The address is <http://www.bls.gov/cpi>. Look under tables Created by BLS and select Revised Seasonally Adjusted Data, 2003.

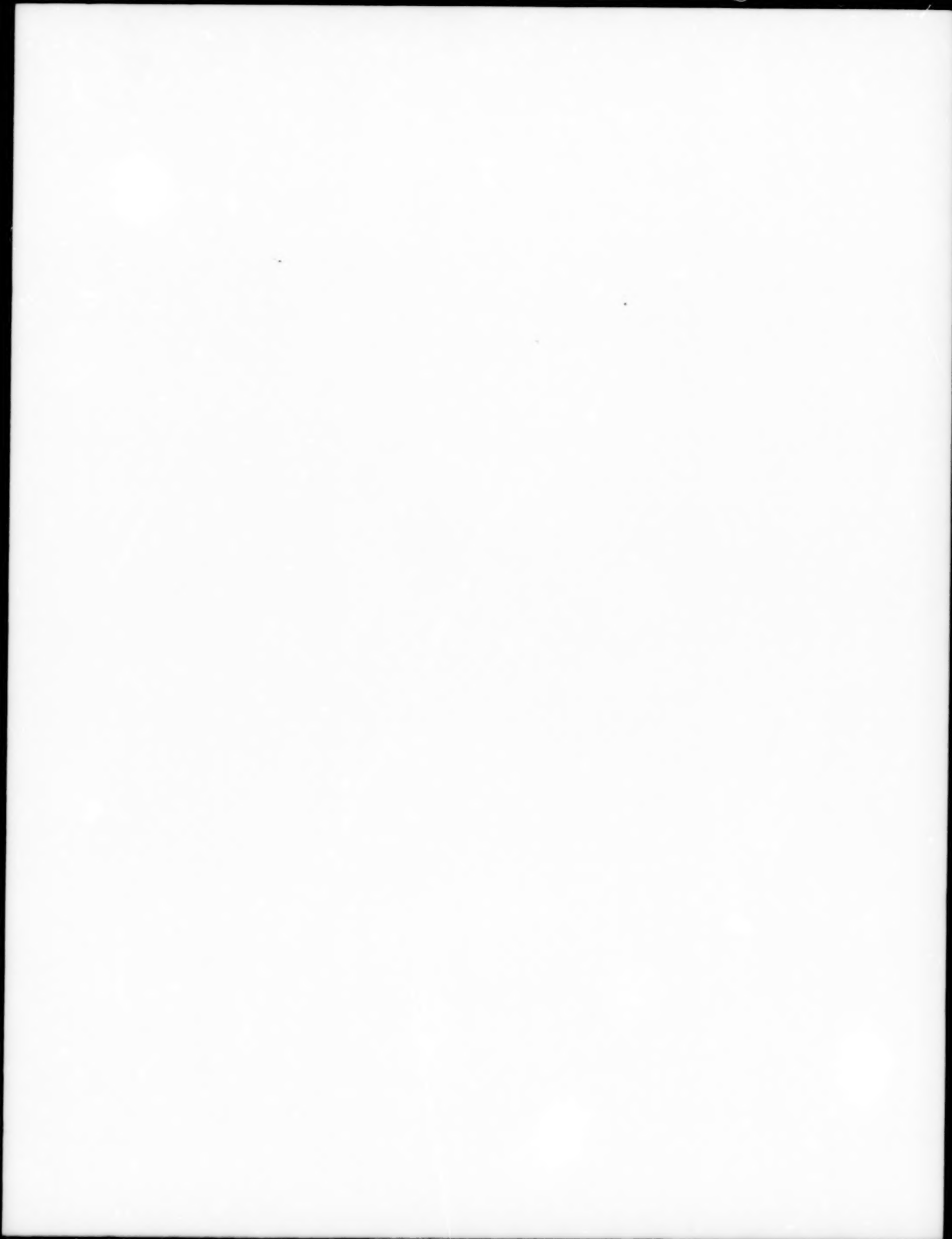
For further information please contact Dan Chow or Jeff Wilson on (202) 691-6968.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a market basket of goods and services. Two CPIs are published: 1) The CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), which covers about 87 percent of the total population, and 2) the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, and other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in 87 locations are averaged together with weights that represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. *Indexes for different months are usually compared in relative terms. Thus, an index of 133.5 is 1.063 times higher than an index of 125.6 ($133.5/125.6=1.063$); in other words, prices increased 6.3 percent.* The CPI is used as an indicator of inflation, a deflator of

other economic series, and an escalator for income payments. *More detail.* This news release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor provides summary data from the Consumer Price Index. The full release is available electronically on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/> at release time. If you have any questions about the CPI, please write to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Room 3615 PSB, Washington, DC 20212, or call (202) 691-7000. Full detail is available in the monthly periodical *CPI Detailed Report* for \$45 per year from New Orders, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. Voice phone: (202) 691-5200; Federal Relay Service, 1-800-877-8339. For a recorded message of summary CPI data, call (202) 691-5200.

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